

CLAIMS

1. A communication device comprising
means for receiving a call signal from a remote
5 source,
an audible ring generator for activating a ring
signal responsive to the receipt of the call signal,
deactivation means for turning off an activated ring
signal, and
10 means for operating said deactivation means to turn
off a ring signal by striking the communication device.
2. A communication device according to claim 1, wherein
said means for operating said deactivation means to turn
15 off a ring signal by striking the communication device
comprises
signal generating means for generating a struck
signal when the communication device is struck,
processing means for receiving a generated struck
20 signal and producing a control signal, and
ringer control means for actuating said means for
operating said deactivation means to turn off a ring signal
by striking the communication device upon the receipt of a
control signal.
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3. A communication device according to claim 1, wherein
said means for operating said deactivation means to turn
off a ring signal by striking the communication device
comprises
30 microphone means for receiving environmental noise,

signal generating means for generating a struck signal when the received environmental noise corresponds to noise resulting from the striking of the communication device,

5 processing means for receiving a generated struck signal and producing a control signal, and

 ringer control means for actuating said means for operating said deactivation means to turn off a ring signal by striking the communication device upon the receipt of a
10 control signal.

4. A communication device according to claim 1, wherein said communication device is a mobile phone.

15 5. A portable device comprising
 an audible alert generator for activating an alert signal responsive to the user of some required action,
 deactivation means for turning off an activated alert signal, and

20 means for operating said deactivation means to turn off the alert signal by striking the communication device.

6. A device according to claim 5, wherein said means for operating said deactivation means to turn off the alert
25 signal by striking the device comprises

 signal generating means for generating a struck signal when the device is struck,

 processing means for receiving a generated struck signal and producing a control signal, and

alert control means for actuating said means for operating said deactivation means to turn off an alert signal by striking the device upon the receipt of a control signal.

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7. A device according to claim 5, wherein said means for operating said deactivation means to turn off an alert signal by striking the device comprises

microphone means for receiving environmental noise,

10 signal generating means for generating a struck signal when the received environmental noise corresponds to noise resulting from the striking of the device,

processing means for receiving a generated struck signal and producing a control signal, and

15 alert control means for actuating said means for operating said deactivation means to turn off an alert signal by striking the device upon the receipt of a control signal.

20 8. A device according to claim 5, wherein the action taken after the contact has been detected is programmable.

9. A device according to claim 5, where there is a pattern of interaction from the user to select a
25 programmable action by the device.

10. A device according to claim 5, wherein said communication device is a mobile phone.

30 11. A device according to claim 5, wherein said device is a personal digital assistant (PDA).

12. A device according to claim 5, wherein said device is a personal mobile device.